

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 35, has been replaced with the following rewritten paragraph:

--According to the invention, this object is achieved [in a backing plate for abrasive flap wheels of the type explained at the beginning in that] by forming the inner part [is formed] with a hub which has an internal thread for the threaded shaft[, provided with a thread,] of the driving machine.--

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